

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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A disposable undergarment that includes an absorbent panel and a stretchable skin-facing sheet positioned on a skin-facing side of the panel. The skin-facing sheet has fixed regions lying on longitudinally opposite end regions of the undergarment, a middle region normally biased to be spaced apart upward from the panel, transversely opposite side edge regions transversely inward to define leg-holes and an opening formed in the middle region in a manner that a basis weight of the skin-facing sheet is higher in the transversely opposite side edge regions than in the remaining region and a tensile stress of the skin-facing sheet is higher in the transversely opposite side edge regions than in the remaining region.

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By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification, claims and abstract have been revised to more clearly describe applicants' invention in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Care has been taken so as to avoid the addition of new matter in the specification, claims and abstract.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.